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TAGS: SHUM, CGEN, PFOR, BU, (MAREVA, RUMYANA AND YORDANKA)

SUBJECT: DIVIDED FAMILY CASE: RUMYANA AND YORDANKA MAREVA

REFS: (A) SOFIA 2639, (B) STATE 233481

1. DEPARTMENT WHOLE-HEARTEDLY CONCURS IN POSITION PRESENTED BY EMBASSY IN PARA 5 REF A RE ROLE OF USG AND EMBASSY SOFIA IN DIVIDED FAMILY CASES AS WELL AS EMBASSY'S STRESSING OF ZHIVKOV'S ASSURANCE THAT DIVIDED FAMILY CASES WOULD BE SETTLED. (EUR/EE MET WITH L/SCA ON DECEMBER 15 TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF DUAL NATIONALITY AND PROBLEMS OF DUAL NATIONALS IN EASTERN EUROPE.)

2. DEPARTMENT ALSO CONCURS IN EMBASSY'S INTENTION TO RAISE CASE WITH CHIEF OF MFA FOURTH SECTION TO EMPHASIZE BILATERAL POLITICAL NATURE OF PROBLEM. DEPUTY ASSISTANT
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SECRETARY ARMITAGE WILL CALL IN AMBASSADOR POPOV FOR A PARALLEL MEETING. EUR/EE IS CONTACTING INTERESTED SENATORS REGARDING EMBASSY'S SUGGESTION THAT THEY WRITE TO ZHIVKOV ON BEHALF OF MAREV.

3. EUR/EE OFFICER AGAIN DISCUSSED CASE WITH MAREV ON

DECEMBER 10, WITHOUT MENTIONING REPORT IN SOFIA 2584 OF
GOB REFUSAL. BASED ON INFORMATION LEARNED FOR FIRST TIME

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IN THIS MEETING, GOB MAY WELL HAVE REASON TO REMEMBER
MAREV, WHO FIRST ATTEMPTED TO LEAVE BULGARIA IN 1952.
IN 1955-56 HE SERVED A YEAR AND A HALF SENTENCE FOR AGAIN
TRYING TO LEAVE BULGARIA ILLEGALLY. DURING A VISIT TO
YUGOSLAVIA MAREV ENCOUNTERED SOME TURKISH TOURISTS WHO
TOLD HIM THAT TURKEY DID NOT FORCIBLY RETURN DEFECTORS.
THIS LED TO MAREVS' VISIT TO TURKEY IN 1967 ON A THREE-
DAY EXCURSION TRIP WITH A BULGARIAN TOURIST GROUP. MRS.
MAREV DID NOT KNOW OF MAREV'S INTENTION NOT TO RETURN
TO BULGARIA, BUT AFTER SEVERAL DAYS IN TURKEY HE CONVINCED
HER ALSO NOT TO RETURN.

4. MAREV ALSO SAID THAT, AS PART OF THEIR EFFORTS OVER
THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS TO OBTAIN THE RELEASE OF THEIR
CHILDREN FROM BULGARIA, HE AND WIFE HAVE WRITTEN SEVERAL
STRONG LETTERS TO BULGARIAN OFFICIALS. ON AT LEAST FOUR
DIFFERENT OCASSIONS MAREV CONTACTED WHAT HE DISCRIBED AS
"THE UNDERGROUND" IN AN EFFORT TO FIND SOMEONE WHO WOULD
SMUGGLE HIS CHILDREN OUT OF BULGARIA. MAREV HIMSELF IS
CONVINCED THAT THESE ACTIVITIES HAVE ANGERED THE BULGARIAN
AUTHORITIES AND ARE AT LEAST PARTIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR
THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARD MAREV AND HIS FAMILY.

5. MAREV IS CONVINCED THAT HE WOULD BE ARRESTED IF HE
RETURNED TO BULGARIA, BUT BELIEVES THAT HIS WIFE WOULD
BE WILLING AND ABLE TO VISIT BULGARIA AS WE PROPOSED IN
STATE 300561. HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT ACCEPTS EMBASSY'S
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JUDGMENT THAT THE MAREV'S SHOULD NOT VISIT BULGARIA OR
EVEN MAKE VISA APPLICATIONS AT THIS TIME. EMBASSY SHOULD
KNOW THAT BULGARIAN EMBASSY MADE PITCH TO MAREV THAT HE
SHOULD RETURN TO BULGARIA, WHEN HE ATTEMPTED TO HAVE
EMBASSY AUTHENTICATE HIS AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT. EMBASSY
WILL ALSO REMEMBER THAT BULGARIAN EMBASSY VOIDED ITS
AUTHENTICATION AND TOLD MAREV THAT DOCUMENT WAS IMPROPERLY
PREPARED. (SEE STATE 233481).

6. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT WE SHOULD FOCUS OUR EFFORTS
ON OBTAINING THE RELEASE OF THE MAREVA CHILDREN FROM
BULGARIA. MAREV HAS INDICATED THAT HE HAS NO INTEREST
IN SPONSORING ZHELEZOV IN EMIGRATING TO U.S. ADDITIONALLY,
SINCE WE MAY NEED ZHELEZOV'S CONTINUED ASSISTANCE IN THIS
CASE, WE SHOULD AVOID ANY DISCUSSION OF ZHELEZOV AND HIS
OWN POSSIBLE DESIRES TO EMIGRATE IN ORDER TO AVOID
BRINGING GOB PRESSURE TO BEAR ON HIM.

7. DEPARTMENT ALSO REQUESTS CLARIFICATION OF EMBASSY'S REASONING IN OPPOSING MAREV'S PURSUING FORMAL GOB APPEAL PROCEDURES AS APPROPRIATE. WHILE THE APPEALS PROCESS WOULD PROBABLY BE LENGTHY, AS KOVACHEV ADMITTED, IF

APPEAL EFFORT IS MADE IN PARALLEL WITH USG EFFORT IT MIGHT PROVIDE GOB WITH CONVENIENT JUSTIFICATION FOR APPROVING ISSUANCE OF EXIT PERMITS AND PASSPORTS. IN ANY CASE, DEPARTMENT WILL CONTACT MAREV TO DETERMINE IF AN OFFICIAL GOB DECISION HAS BEEN CONVEYED TO HIM BY BULGARIAN EMBASSY HERE.
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